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Helena Leake first heard about Mount St. Mary's College from a friend who impressed her with a narrative of the Mount's well-respected nursing program. She was so impressed that she stipulated in her living trust that a percentage of her estate would be distributed to the College. Subsequent to Leake's death in October of 1998, the Mount received a trust distribution of $41,000.

Leake's gift has laid the foundation for the Sister Karen M. Kennelly Endowed Scholarship Fund, established to honor the Mount's 10th president upon her June 30 retirement. Ensuring that there will be Kennelly scholars for as long as there is a Mount St. Mary's College, the fund will pay tribute to, and thank, Kennelly for her 11 years of dedicated and caring leadership.

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Poetry Makes Nothing Happen

By Marcos Villatoro

One Tuesday, while driving home from the Mount, I passed a gentleman standing in the curve of Sunset and the 405 ramp. He had a sign. Rain had pulled the crayoned words down the cardboard. A grocery cart stood behind him. Some drivers gave money. I had none. Perhaps tomorrow, I thought. Tomorrow I'd bring change.

Tomorrow came. His cart rested against the cement railing. But he was gone.

In the days following I happened upon other empty carts. One had its cardboard sign half-folded and crumpled into a corner. On Sepulveda Boulevard I counted seven carts in a haphazard row. I stopped jogging and stared at them awhile.

"They're gone," I muttered. "They left us."

A ridiculous notion, of course. And the beginning of a poem.

I chose the sestina as the form. It's difficult, and I wanted to see if I could do it. Six stanzas make a sestina. You use the end words of each line over and again. Then in a final, shorter stanza (called an envoi), you fit all those end words into a smaller space. It's the New York Times crossword puzzle for poets. It raises the tennis net about three inches. Tough going, a sestina, and a lot of fun.

Having fun while writing a poem on the homeless. Do I want people to know this about me?

Ever since the day W.H. Auden wrote, "Poetry makes nothing happen," we poets have struggled. How can poetry be useless? Have not Vaclav Havel and Pablo Neruda roused freedom in Czechoslovakia and Chile? Maya Angelou's own witness to racism and poverty has brought awareness to our collective conscience.

Then again, those famed poets wrote about their people's struggle through beautiful verse. Pain may have birthed the poem, but it was art that made the pain ironic, poignant, beautiful.

My little poem will not give the gentleman on the 405 ramp a home. Nor will it start any movement to eradicate homelessness in L.A. Yet the human desire to write verse lingers.

I see this in our students at the Mount. Though they have not received formal training in poetics, many want to write poems. A young woman in her senior year is losing her mother to cancer. She writes of it in verse. A freshman is the first in her family to attend college. She writes about homesickness, her fear of failure, the desire to succeed—in rhymed couplets. The very exercise of writing may bring her to self-discovery.

This is exciting to see. The literary magazine *Mount Voices* gives our students their first chance at publication. Our Writers' Series invites nationally known poets and novelists to our campuses. Students meet people who are shaping the American literary canon. Through such events, the Mount community's excitement in literature grows.

Students have written poems for as many years as there has been a Mount. For some, writing a poem is as vital as an upcoming heartbeat. I'm just thrilled that MSMC has chosen to get a reading of that pulse.

Overall I agree with Mr. Auden. We don't write poetry to make something happen. A poem is not a memo; rhymed verse doesn't mean to say, "You've got mail." Very little will change with the composing of a line of iambic pentameter. We write a poem, not to send a message, but simply because we must write the poem—we must come to know ourselves.

Yet my only cavil with Mr. Auden is this: if anything, poetry helps us to pay attention. Very close attention. A man stands on the 405 ramp off Sunset, while I drive home.

On Tuesday, When the Homeless Disappeared

No doubt that we'd become a happy lot.
We had a lot of dough. When I drove home
I handed a wad to the guy with the sign
On Sunset and the ramp. There was his cart,
But he was gone. He had folded the words
Into a cardboard airplane. No other message

Of his whereabouts. But I need messages
And paper trails. Of that we have a lot.
We have free access to many words
And worlds. We take the freeway home
But of course we pay. That's why we don't have carts.
That's why we never need a cardboard sign.

It was a Tuesday when we saw the signs
Of disappearance. All those cardboard messages
Abandoned in rusted, badly parked carts
Strewn before libraries, in realtor parking lots.
One wry fellow said, "Perhaps they went home."
I smudged my fingers with the crayoned words.

Then one among us got cellular word
Of someone who went public. Yet another sign!
There was no reason for us to go home,
Not with new emails bringing the message
Of a really great buy. We quit the lot.
The cardboard settled back into the cart.

A Bird-of-Paradise bloomed through a cart
Near the Getty. No cardboard.
But its beauty hushed our words.
All the Wilshire artists cast their lots
To be the one to paint a cardboard sign.
The L.A. Times cast us a fine message:
"In art our homeless finally find a home."

We still weren't sure, as we drove home
Where all those people who once pushed carts
Had gone. Would they need their cardboard messages
In their new dwelling? Or perhaps such words
Were useless. Again, too many signs
Told us that we should celebrate our lot.

Yet in one cart of a Starbucks parking lot
Near a Brentwood home, they found a cardboard sign.
It had no message. Not one written word.

—Marcos Villatoro

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Jacqueline Powers Doud Named Eleventh President of the Mount

Provost and Academic Vice President Jacqueline Powers Doud will become the eleventh president of Mount St. Mary's College July 1, 2000, succeeding Sister Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ, who will retire June 30 after 11 years of service. Doud's selection was the result of a seven-month nationwide search and marks the appointment of the College's first lay president, ending 75 years of leadership by members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ), the order that founded the College in 1925.

"I am honored to have been selected to lead Mount St. Mary's College and carry on the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph who have preceded me," Doud says. "I will ensure that the time-honored values of service, community outreach, and women's leadership that are at the heart of their order are carried on. Working together with our board of trustees, regents council, faculty, staff, alumnae, and students, we have a bright and prosperous future. We will continue to promote the Mount's vision of education as a means to providing a richer and fuller life for all persons—economically, socially, and spiritually—in the local and global community."

Doud's selection was recommended to the board of trustees by a 10-person search committee of women and men representing the College's board of trustees, regents council, faculty, alumnae, staff, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Trustee and Regent William Elliott, principal, WHE Associates, Inc. of Beverly Hills, chaired the committee. The board's unanimous election of Doud on December 21 was approved the following day by the Provincial Council of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sister Jill M. Napier, CSJ, '71, chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "Amidst the cohort of highly qualified candidates, Jackie Doud emerged as the candidate most qualified to lead the College and meet the challenges of our future. She has a keen understanding of the mission of the Mount as a Catholic, liberal arts college primarily for women, and has demonstrated the ability to articulate and empower her associates to fulfill that mission. We are extraordinarily fortunate she has accepted this appointment and I am confident her leadership will be exemplary. During the College's history, we have enjoyed a collaborative relationship with countless lay persons who are clearly dedicated to the mission of the College. We anticipate enjoying the same collaboration with Dr. Doud."

GLENN MARZANO

Retiring MSMC President Kennelly says of her successor, "Having worked in tandem with Jackie Doud these past eight years, I have come to respect her earnest and steadfast dedication to the people and the mission of Mount St. Mary's College. The College community can be assured the torch is being passed to a stellar educator and leader."

Collaborating Toward Credentials

When the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing adopted a new two-level credential program for special education teachers in 1996, Anne Wilcoxen, program director at Mount St. Mary's College, called Vicki Graf, program director at Loyola Marymount University, to discuss the changes. "We decided to develop a collaborative program for the second level of the credential program in which our institutions would offer some, but not all of the required courses," says Wilcoxen. "Compared to our general education K-12 credential programs, our special education programs are relatively small, having only one faculty member on each campus who serves as director, advises students, teaches, and supervises fieldwork, and it just made sense to combine our efforts."

The two directors worked together to design an innovative collaborate Level II Special Education Credential Program, which will be submitted for approval to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing this spring. This is a graduate program in which students follow the credential program alone or pursue a master's degree in conjunction with the credential. Beginning in summer 2000, education students on both campuses can start the Professional Level II program. Level I programs have already been approved for both campuses.

"This first-ever exchange between education departments is a win-win opportunity," says Wilcoxen. "Our students will not only benefit from exposure to another program at another campus, but they will also appreciate the increased course availability."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor: It is sad to learn of the death of Sister Rebecca Doan, a remarkable woman of great achievements. Not only was she a pioneer for the baccalaureate program in nursing in Southern California but also president of the college and involved in so many other activities. It was as nursing students that she influenced so many of us when we were undergraduates in the 50s. At that time, nurses were "trained" in hospitals in three-year programs and the idea that students could be educated in a college to receive a baccalaureate degree was unique.

Sister stood her ground and fought for us to get the experiences she wanted us to have and at the time we did not realize how difficult it must have been. After all, she was up against the nursing hierarchy who did not feel the college would turn out nurses with the clinical knowledge or expertise to coexist with other nursing graduates from hospital schools and there was considerable professional jealousy.

To look at her one would not have expected this unassuming and humble woman would have such vision and determination and would be one of the first to help change nursing to a profession. Her expectations for us were high and she let us know it. The baccalaureate [degree] has allowed the colleagues in my class of 1956 to achieve varied careers in teaching, research, public health, schools, and hospitals up to the present time.

Sister Rebecca was a role model who achieved more than most of us could ever hope and will be remembered fondly. Florence Nightingale would be proud!

Sincerely,
Alison MacDonald Riggs '56, RN, MSN

Dear Readers:
Thank you to Alison MacDonald Riggs for such a wonderful tribute to Sister Rebecca Doan and her legacy. We encourage you to write to The Mount *to express your views concerning the people and events surrounding life at Mount St. Mary's College. With your contributions–and as space allows–we will make the Letters to the Editor a regular part of* The Mount *magazine.*
—Editor

Nursing majors Roxanne Shulte '00 and Marcia Muljono '00 create verses at the poetry chalk station on Siena Day.

Poet Marilyn Chin meets with Marcos McPeek Villatoro at Siena Day.

Siena Day Features Writers' Series Poet Chin

Who is American? What is your place in America today? Mount students, faculty, and staff eagerly voiced their opinions on these questions and more at Siena Day 2000, a poetry festival on the Doheny Campus March 9. The day's events included poetry activity stations, such as a graffiti wall, a poetry chalk station, a calligraphy corner, and a magnet marquee, where students expressed their opinions on what constitutes the American image.

This year's annual all-college convocation, "United We Are America: Creating an Inclusive American Image," featured Marilyn Chin, a Chinese-American poet and author of two books of poems, "Dwarf Bamboo" (The Greenfield Review Press, 1987) and "The Phoenix Gone, the Terrace Empty" (Milkweed, 1994). A self-proclaimed "poet of color and minority writer," Chin prides her work as being an "oppositional force against the dominant culture." She has been featured on Bill Moyers' PBS series "The Language of Life," and she currently teaches creative writing at San Diego State University.

A graduate of the Writer's Workshop at the University of Iowa, Chin also spent March 7 and 8 in residency visiting both campuses as part of the Mount's Writer's Series, sponsored by Marcos McPeek Villatoro, Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair in Creative Writing, and Jody Baral, chair of the art department. After leading discussions and visiting classrooms, Chin read her poetry to a crowd of faculty, staff, and students who filled the José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery to capacity.

Learning Experiences

By Laura Zaragoza Guerrero

Working with the mentally ill can be a difficult, if not a daunting, task for those who have no formal training in the field of psychology. But students in Psychology Lecturer Corrine Mabry's Abnormal Psychology class successfully undertook that task last semester when they participated in the Monetary Advisory Program (MAP), as required by the course's service-learning component.

A St. Joseph's-sponsored program in Venice, MAP provides money management assistance to those who, in addition to having a drug or alcohol addiction, also have a mental problem. As part of service-learning, an educational program that enhances the learning process by offering students the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge to real-world situations, MSMC psychology students volunteered their time and efforts to help those in the MAP program manage the government assistance they receive.

For many of the students, the project proved to be rewarding. According to Mabry, students described it as a "worthwhile experience" that changed their attitude toward people with these problems. "It was difficult for some of the students to make it through some stereotypes, but after working with people with problems, they saw a huge growth in themselves and have learned that they're not people to be afraid of," says Mabry. "Interacting with the MAP participants made it easier for students to understand them," she continues.

Representing a range of departments are Hewlett Fellows (standing, left ro right) Jody Baral, art; Pat Disterhoff, education; Sande Bunce, sociology; Mary Paquette, nursing; Jackie Herst, education; Michelle Starkey, math; and Corinne Mabry, psychology. In the front row are (left to right) Debbie Giunta and Fran Powell, education, and Pam Haldeman, sociology.

In addition to MAP, students volunteered at the St. Joseph's Homeless Center, where they interacted with the homeless, and also served them meals through the St. Joseph-sponsored feeding program Bread and Roses.

Directed by Pam Haldeman, professor of sociology, and largely funded by a $395,000 grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, service-learning has been providing students with learning experiences for the last two years. Ten faculty members who were selected in spring 1999 as Hewlett Fellows have incorporated service-learning into their classes. "There is a strong core of interdisciplinary collaboration that has developed out of this program, and it is leading us to address important questions about the teaching/learning process," says Haldeman.

According to Haldeman, there will be a second award of fellowships in the 2000–2001 academic year, and 25 courses will include the service-learning component. "The Hewlett grant brings faculty together to talk about teaching and learning," she says. "We are having an enjoyable time doing this as we don't often have this kind of opportunity."

Although service-learning has been integrated at many colleges, the Mount is unique in one respect. "The faculty is working toward developing research on service-learning," says Haldeman. "We are examining ways to study student outcomes and the effectiveness of the program."

New Technology Labs Enhance Science Research

By Laura Zaragoza Guerrero

Soon after Yvette Garcia '01, eagerly inputs data from her DNA experiment into a computer, a list of related data from comparable experiments appears on her monitor. In a matter of minutes, the Mount biological sciences student has information that would otherwise have taken her days to research, thanks to the new technology labs at the Chalon Campus.

Funded by the W.M. Keck and Parsons Foundations, the biological and physical sciences labs have been furnished with new computer, multimedia, and molecular biology technology which will allow for a more enhanced teaching and learning process in the sciences. Gone is the onerous task of library research that once was the most widely used method to accumulate data. The new technology provides students with greater information flow at a faster rate.

"These grants have enabled us to purchase a great deal of rapidly developed multimedia that provides students with a deeper understanding of living systems, while at the same time allowing them to pose numerous unanswered questions for further study," says Sister Annette Bower, '59, chair of the Biological Sciences Department. "This new approach to research allows students more independence in the learning process and lets them recognize that not only are they capable of self-education, but also that science grows by sharing and comparing," she continues.

In this setting, students often conduct experiments in groups and find stimulation in collaborating with each other, as well as with faculty and mentors. Students can search for various information on different computers and share it with one another. Experiments are performed faster, and data is available for comparison in a short period of time.

And the benefits are clear to students. "These days, small experiments don't help you in really understanding what you're studying – bigger, faster machines are needed to conduct more expansive experiments," says biochemistry major Christina Chao '01. "Having computers in the labs helps you find more answers to your questions at a much faster rate," she continues.

The benefits also extend outside the classroom. "Biotech companies require that you know how to use this new equipment – not being able to is a great disadvantage to students who want to enter the field," says Chao.

According to Bower, many Mount students are hired immediately after graduation by pharmaceutical companies because of their competence with the new molecular technologies in the labs. "A number of our students have gained positions because of their expertise in such analytical procedures as high performance liquid chromatography," she says. The equipment used for this procedure analyzes proteins that are too small to identify and quantify by other analytical means. Currently, students are using the equipment to investigate hormones from the heart that control blood pressure and assist in preventing heart attacks and congestive heart failure.

Although this new technology makes the research process easier for students, it places a different demand on professors. "Faculty recognize that in this situation they are more facilitators than deliverers of information," says Bower. "It allows faculty to set high expectations for students, and students strive and see that they can attain them."

Sister Margaret Rose Cafferty '57 (left), Garth Brooks, and Sister Carol Brong '66

In Memory of Sister Margaret Rose Cafferty

July 5, 1936 – January 5, 2000

Adapated in part from the necrology by Sister Constance Fitzgerald '47

Sister Margaret Rose Cafferty '57 died Wednesday, January 5, of cancer in Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood, Calif. She was 63.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1953, and spent the first 15 years of her religious life teaching first and second grade in parochial elementary schools in Southern California. From 1968 to 1985, she taught seventh and eighth grade English in Inglewood and Los Angeles.

She was a member of the faculty on Mount St. Mary's College's Doheny Campus since 1987, where she taught basic English and speech classes, and assisted in the Learning Resource Center.

A great sports enthusiast, she loved the outdoors and fishing, and enjoyed watching golf, football, basketball, and tennis. She also was a country music fan, and one of her memorable moments was meeting Garth Brooks when he was filming a music video on the Doheny Campus.

A key to her success was that she always saw her students as individuals, and took a personal interest in each one. She is best remembered for her toughness mixed with encouragement and love, which gave students self-confidence, improved their communications skills, and helped them achieve academic success.

And the Survey Says...

Ninety percent of alums from the Mount classes of 1995, 1996, and 1997 would attend Mount St. Mary's if they had to do it over again. Of those, 90 percent would choose the same major. These were among the findings uncovered by a recent survey completed by 140 graduates of the three classes.

Nearly all graduates said the women's college environment was valuable, and two-thirds said they were extremely satisfied with their academic experience.

Almost all gave high marks to the College's emphasis on empowering women and the development of ethics and values. About 90 percent said they were very involved in their academic experience, but less than half said the same about nonacademic involvement. Over three-fourths said the emphasis on religion is high or medium high, but responses about difficulty of the curriculum declined from 88 percent reporting high or medium high from the class of '95, to only 75 percent from the class of '97.

The graduates placed "helping others" and "developing a philosophy of life" near the top of their list of personally important goals, responses consistent with their attitudes as entering freshmen. An interesting change is that more recent alums rate "raising a family" and "developing a career" at the top of their list, more highly than previous years. The class of '97 also rated highly "being financially well off."

The greatest amount of respondents are employed predominantly in health care and education professions, but a growing number are working in business fields.

"This recent message from our graduates reaffirms that the Mount is carrying out its mission of developing women with strong values and a sense of service to others," says Chris Antons, director of Institutional Research and Assessment. "Their feedback is invaluable in helping us strengthen our programs and services."

The Mount in the Media

Mount St. Mary's recently received the following media coverage:

The Los Angeles Times—
MSMC made front page news of the Education section with the announcement of Jacqueline Powers Doud's election as the first laywoman president in the College's 75-year history (Jan).

In a music review, the Times proclaimed that the Berlin's Artemis Quartet, which made its debut at the Da Camera Society's Doheny Mansion series, "shines with its youthful exuberance" (Jan).

The Times also featured MSMC, along with Loyola Marymount University and Hampton University, as leading colleges and universities who now offer online applications on their Web sites (Nov).

The History Channel—aired a special on "Nazis in America" in which Fred Simonelli, professor, history, was interviewed (Jan).

The Houston Chronicle, Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, Woodland Hills Daily News, Bloomington Pantagraph, Jewish Western Bulletin, Kandall County Record (IL), El Dorado Hills Village Voice, Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Report, and Chicago Jewish Star—all published reviews of Fred Simonelli's book, "American Fuehrer: George Lincoln Rockwell and the American Nazi Party." "American Crime Live with Ed Nowicki"—the syndicated radio talk show—aired an interview with Simonelli about his book (Nov).

The Tidings—published an announcement of Jacqueline Powers Doud as the new "non-nun" president for MSMC (Jan).

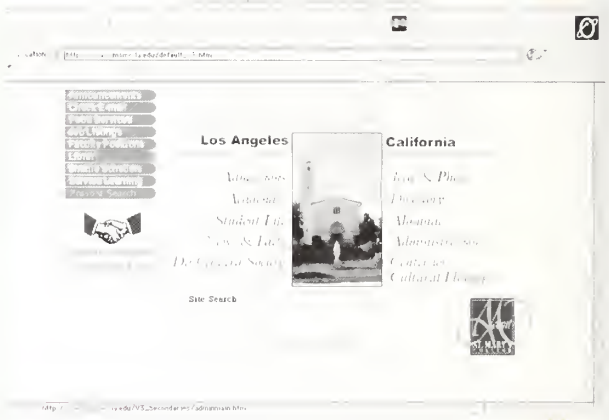
The Tidings also published an article featuring the 350th anniversary year celebration of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (Dec).

Also, in a Tidings article about the Apostolic Constitution, "Ex Corde Ecclesiae: An Application to the United States" which calls on Catholic institutions to reaffirm their Catholic identity, Sr. Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ, comments on the importance of continued cooperation and support among the Catholic college community, the necessity of consistent national guidelines for national implementation developed by bishops, and sympathized with the anxiety theologians have expressed over the norms (Nov).

The Tidings and the Washington City Herald—printed obituaries for Sr. Rebecca Doan, CSJ, former president of the Mount from 1961 to 1979. Doan established Southern California's first baccalaureate degree program in nursing in 1950. She passed away on Nov. 21 at the age of 89 (Dec).

Let's Go Surfin' Now...

The Internet has emerged as an essential tool for communication today. The Mount recognized this in 1996 when it put its first pages on the World Wide Web. Today, the Mount's Office of Information Technology, a cadre of student assistants, and the faculty and staff of the College maintain thousands of pages that comprise the Mount's site at *www.msmc.la.edu.*



... the committee is enlisting the help of the Mount community—and this means you!

A committee at the Mount is looking at ways to ensure the Web site provides adequate and current information, is visually compelling and easy to navigate, and meets the needs of all its audiences. In order to do this, the committee is enlisting the help of the Mount community—and this means you!

So grab your board (or mouse) and surf the Mount's Web site. Before you leave to check your stock quotes or bid on antiques at some "dot-com," return to the Mount's home page *(www.msmc.la.edu)* and click on the link "Evaluate the Mount's Web Site." Answering the questions on the brief survey that follows will help the Mount take the necessary steps to keep the site up-to-date and meet the needs of its visitors.

A Tale of Two Classrooms— And One Sociology Course

Sande Bunce '86, assistant professor of sociology, surveys the 65 students in her "Sociology of Violence" course, half of whom are clad in light, summery attire in Los Angeles, the others dressed for a snowstorm in St. Louis.

What's this — the *Twilight Zone*?

No, but it is definitely an example of a new age in teaching.

The class consists of students from Mount St. Mary's College and Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Missouri, and the course is conducted via teleconferencing. In this setting, large monitors in front of each classroom beam images of both groups of students who discuss ideas facing a video camera.

Funded by grants from the Pew Leadership Award, and the Charles E. Culpeper, Irvine, and Weingart foundations to enhance learning through technology, teleconferenced classes have been conducted between Chalon and Doheny since 1998. "The conditions of the grant are being implemented further as we link to Fontbonne College," says Bunce. "We are using technology that allows us access to institutions all over the world so we can expand our course offerings, expose our students to other populations, and add a global approach to learning."

Bunce sees the immediate effects of this phenomenon in this class. While Fontbonne College, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph consortium, is similar in size and mission to Mount St. Mary's, its demographics are different. "Fontbonne is a co-ed school in the Midwest with a small Hispanic population," explains Bunce. "Sociological concepts studied in class are seen from entirely different perspectives by both group of students. Because most people see issues from their own context, the class offers students a good opportunity to learn from each other as they meet through the monitor and in electronic chatrooms where they work cooperatively on assigned projects."

Bunce's facilitator for the class at Fontbonne is Deborah Phelps, sociology professor, whom she collaborates with through a monitor. Each week, Bunce sends her a full set of lecture notes so she will be prepared to teach the same material "just in case the equipment fails on either end." But to Bunce, the extra work has advantages. "This creative way of teaching helps faculty and students form a community with others whom they know nothing about," she says. "In today's world, the more cultural views we can give students, the better."

And this is just the beginning. The Mount is having dialogues with other institutions to see how more course offerings can be exchanged, and is currently being sought after for its expertise in multicultural classes.

Fred Simonelli (above), associate professor, history and political science, has been named The "Distinguished History Alumnus of the Year" for 1999 by California State University, Sacramento, where he received his M.A. The award was presented to him at a CSUS alumni luncheon.

Sr. Joseph Adele Edwards, assistant professor, English, wrote an article for the fall 1999 issue of the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial Newsletter and Review. Edwards comments on the filming of "The Song of the Lark," a novel written by Cather, which recently took place at the Doheny Mansion. The production for Mobil Masterpiece Theatre's American Collection is scheduled to air on PBS later in the year.

Lisa Grod, academic coordinator of clinical education, physical therapist assistant program, has recently been elected as the California representative to the American Physical Therapy Association's Representative Body of the National Assembly of Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs). She will be the representative voice for all PTAs in California at a national level.

Sr. Judy Molosky, director, Center for Urban Partnership, recently received an award from the International Library of Photography for her photograph, "Sky Lands in Lake." The photograph can be viewed at *www.picture.com*.

Lorraine Macnaughton, instructor, physical therapy, received the 1998 Physical Therapy Service Award from the Greater Los Angeles District for her consistent service to the American Physical Therapy Association over the course of ten years.

Bernie Robert, director, Student Ambassadors Program, recently received a commendation from the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, recognizing her outstanding contributions to the Mar Vista Gardens Community Service Center. Also recognized were students M. Veronica Martinez '00 and Adela Ramirez '01.

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Cindy Ho at the Doheny campus.

Ho with her youngest students in Shanghai (top photo) and some of her older students with the school mascot (bottom photo).

As she watched her young students enjoying their English lessons in her new language school in Shanghai, Cindy Ho's mind flashed back to a time when she was their age, and learning the language in America.

Those were the days when she was still called by her Chinese name, In, and watched longingly from her window as neighborhood children played outdoors. At that time, she could only dream of running as carefree and having friends of her own. But with four younger siblings to care for, and dinner to prepare for her family each evening, the eldest child of hard-working parents had little time for fun.

Arriving in this country in the late 70s, Ho's parents insisted she attend Chinese school in Los Angeles' Chinatown, where she went begrudgingly every Saturday and Sunday until she was 14. As she grew up, she intended to become a nurse, and with the encouragement of the school nurse at San Gabriel High School, she enrolled as a pre-health science major at the Doheny Campus in 1994.

"When I arrived at the College, I was shy, quiet, friendless, afraid to speak in front of others, and not bold enough to try much new," Ho recalls. But that changed quickly. "I became a volunteer as part of the social action class during my freshman year," she says. "We were taught to look at the needs of the community, to see how we could change things, and then to help make improvements. When I went out into the world and volunteered with the homeless feeding project at St. Vincent's Church, I began to understand how I could help others, and my confidence soared," she continues. She also became an active member of the Associated Student Body, participated in the College's Camp Adventure (which sent her to a United States military base in Hawaii during a summer to teach the children of American servicemen), and for the first time in her life, experienced the camaraderie of others her own age.

After she received her associate of arts degree in 1996, her parents wanted to ensure that she would not forget

BY JOY JACOBS

"To talk goodness is not good—only to do it is."

Chinese proverb

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the Cantonese and Mandarin she learned as a child, so before she enrolled in a nursing program, they sent her to Canton to study Chinese literature for one year. She learned so much that she decided to return to China in 1998, this time to the prestigious Fu Dan University in Shanghai, for more advanced study in Chinese literature. The more familiar she became with life in China, the more her Mount experiences began to influence her life.

"I was constantly being asked to tutor my classmates in English to help them pass difficult exams," says Ho. "I met their families and saw their mothers watching American television programs and movies, not understanding one word. I saw businessmen from around the world in that diverse city who could not speak to each other." Suddenly, the leadership knowledge she acquired in her social action class became apparent to her. "I saw a need for a multi-language school in Shanghai, and I wanted to be the person to establish the first one," she says.

But how does a 23-year-old woman undertake such a daunting task? Ho remembered that the sisters at the Mount taught her to stand up for what she believed in and do the right thing. She also began to think more frequently about a young businessman she had met who was impressed with her enthusiasm and determination, and promised to help her in any way possible to achieve her dream.

When her year of study ended, she returned to her San Gabriel home, anxious to ask her parents for their support of the school. Instead, they forbade her to return to China and told her to forget about the young man. She stayed home for several months, but her vision of a language school only grew stronger.

"I realized that my family was afraid they would lose me, but I had to take action," she said. Then, she took the most difficult step she had ever taken: she purchased an airline ticket to Shanghai and left home, leaving only a note behind.

"I called my parents immediately after arriving and my mother gave me her blessings," Ho said. "My parents never realized how deeply committed I was to the project, but once they understood, they were supportive."

Soon afterward, in a traditional Chinese wedding, she married her boyfriend Wu Zhi Min, the businessman who had promised to help her. Combining his business acumen with her vision, the two founded the Success Foreign Language Training Center in Shanghai in late 1999. After renting a suitable building, hiring teachers, marketing and advertising, purchasing books, supplies, and fixtures, they had only $50 left!

"Then I really worried about what would happen, but as soon as we opened our doors, the students enrolled," says Ho. And in just a few months, the school had grown to approximately 600 students.

Most of the demand is for English classes, but Japanese, French, and German are also taught. Students range in age from three to 55 years, and classes are lively, with activities designed for specific age groups. The school soon added an English-language translation service for businesses, which is also thriving.

Ho pinches herself when she describes the school and its success. "People ask me how such a young woman could achieve so much," she says. "I think it is because I learned to handle responsibility early in my life, and because Mount St. Mary's College taught me how to develop my talents."

At last, Cindy Ho is really having fun. Ⓜ

Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge
Professor Jim Delahanty Retires After 40 Years

BY LAURA ZARAGOZA GUERRERO

When asked about his accomplishments at Mount St. Mary's College over the last 40 years, History and Political Science Professor Jim Delahanty modestly replies, "I can't think of any." But ask other faculty and administrators at the Mount, and they are quick to provide an extensive list of accolades this rose-loving, soon-to-be-retired educator has garnered through the decades.

A New Jersey native, Delahanty's interest in history and politics was sparked in childhood when conversations around the dinner table centered on these topics. "My family was always interested in history and current events, and that's all we ever talked about," he says. This eventually led him to earn a bachelor's degree in history in 1957 and master's degree in political science in 1958, both from Rutgers University.

He launched his teaching career at the Mount in 1959 when, as a doctoral candidate in political science at UCLA, the College asked him to teach part time, and he accepted a full-time position in 1961. Eventually, he went on to earn his doctor of jurisprudence from Loyola Law School in 1979.

Currently chair of the History and Political Science Department, Delahanty's commitment to teaching has been the driving force in his career. "For Delahanty, as it should be for all educators, this is not a job—it's a lifetime commitment to learning and service. You can see by all of his accomplishments that he never loses sight of that," says Wanda Teays, professor and chair of the Philosophy Department.

Well known for his challenging teaching methods by those who have seen him in action, Delahanty became the first faculty member to win a teaching award from students in 1969, a recognition he holds close to his heart. "He is one of few instructors who doesn't read his notes when lecturing," says Jenny Hernandez '99, former student and assistant director of Residence Life at Chalon. "It amazed me because it showed how knowledgeable he is, and he expected us to do the same when we answered his questions. That made me put more effort into preparing for class, and helped me become a better thinker," she continues.

Delahanty's approach to teaching and his involvement as director of the pre-law program has helped prepare many Mount students for careers in the legal, public service, and political fields. In fact, he claims to be most proud of his students' success at gaining admission into law school. "Since the 80s, there has been more interest in paraprofessional careers, and the College responded by creating the pre-law program," he says. "Today, over 70 percent of our students who apply are getting into law schools," he continues. According to Delahanty, a pre-law education also provides students with more freedom. "Studying pre-law enables students to go into other fields, such as public relations or politics."

"I enjoy watching students come to a recognition of their own powers," says Delahanty.

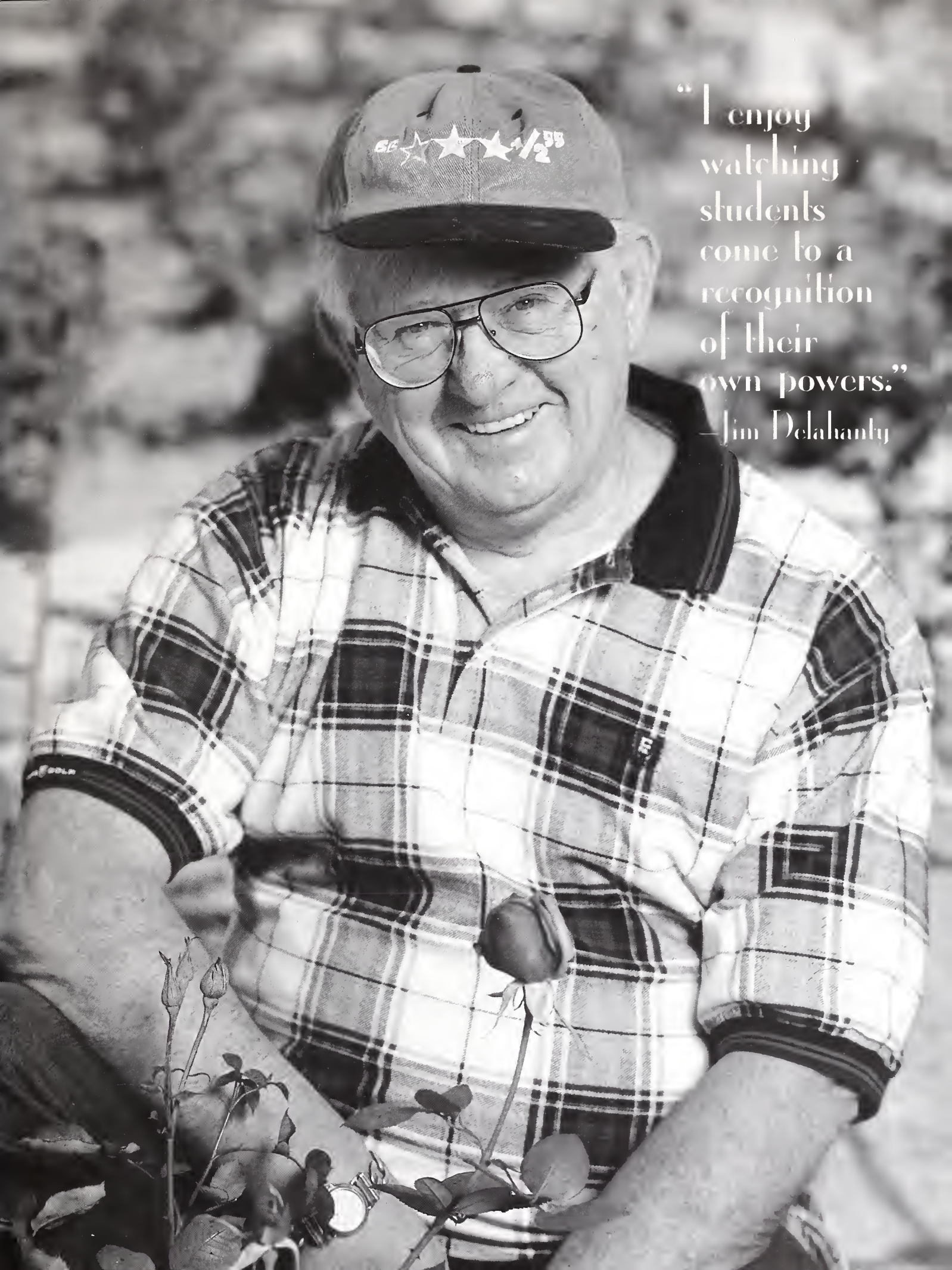
When asked about his most memorable moment at the College, Delahanty says, "It would have to be when Mount students took national honors at the Model United Nations competitions in the 1970s." As faculty advisor to the MSMC student delegates, Delahanty led them to win top honors at the annual competition, which assigns college students to represent the interests of U.N. member nations in mission briefings, committee sessions, and a student version of the U.N. General Assembly. A Los Angeles Times article about the Mount's seventh consecutive victory in 1974 reads, "It is Delahanty to whom the students give credit for their success in New York."

Highly respected by students and faculty alike, Delahanty has served in many capacities at the College since receiving tenure in 1967. One of his greatest contributions has been helping build the strength and rights of the faculty, according to Teays. Not only has he served on all faculty committees, with the exception of the library committee, but he has chaired most of them. "And all the while he keeps a sense of humor Sisyphus could benefit from and a wit that Samuel Beckett would salute," says Teays.

With a career that spans four decades, Delahanty has cultivated many friendships with faculty and administrators who will certainly miss him when he retires in May. "Jim and I have been cohorts since 1961, and to say that we have shared a lot of experiences is an understatement," says Ron Oard, professor emeritus of history and political science. "He is foremost an intellectual companion and has the ability to elevate caustic humor to a superlative level, and he has an incredibly high sense of moral and ethical values," he continues.

Assistant Professor of History Fred Simonelli feels privileged to have worked with Delahanty, and describes him as being "a real mentor and an inspiration. The students love him, the faculty respects him, and the administration trusts him. I am going to miss him terribly."

When speaking of his impending retirement, Delahanty is quick to say, "I will miss students and the collegiality among faculty." In post-retirement, he will shift from sowing the seeds of knowledge to sowing other kinds of seeds. "I plan to grow roses and write about them," he says proudly. "I already have 250 bushes."



"I enjoy watching students come to a recognition of their own powers."
—Jim Delahanty

A Toast to Mou

Mount's Inaugural Capital Campaign Surpasses Ambitious $40-Million Goal

Thanks to the generosity of the Mount's many supporters and the tireless efforts of its trustees, regents, faculty, alumnae, and staff, the College's first-ever capital campaign Timeless Values for Changing Times ended successfully on December 31, 1999 with contributions surpassing the $40-million goal by nearly one-half million dollars.

"So many people, both externally and internally, deserve the gratitude of the College," says Sister Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ, president. "We are all especially grateful to our donors, large and small, who made a commitment to share in the Catholic, values-based education that exemplifies the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph."

The Mount's trustees and regents provided leadership through all phases of the Campaign. Roger Hughes served as chair and Kathleen L. McCarthy was honorary chair of the four-year fundraising effort. Co-chairs were Mark Foster (regents and special gifts), Bertrum M. CeDillos (corporate and foundation gifts), Jane Luecke Johnson '64 (alumnae gifts), and Katherine Whitman '63 (annual fund). Unique to a campaign of this type, nearly all the gifts were in cash, rather that in pledges or deferred gifts, speaking to the commitment of MSMC's donors.

Among the most visible successes of the Campaign were the improvements to MSMC facilities, where over $19 million was raised. Honoring the late president and chancellor of the Mount, the Sister Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex was completed. It comprises the J. Thomas McCarthy Library, the Learning Resource Center, and the Fritz B. Burns Health Education Building. A key component of this project was the successful completion of a challenge grant offered by the

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resge Foundation. Thanks to an outpouring of gifts from Mount alumnae and other supporters, the October 1, 999 deadline was met. The final donation was a single ash gift of $115,000 from a Mount trustee.

An additional improvement to the Mount's facilities esulting from the Campaign was the $4 million renova- on to the Coe Library. The library maintains its original mbiance, but is now "wired" with connections to the nternet and a variety of databases and catalogues. The ugmentation of the science laboratories represents nother major step forward thanks to a series of founda- on grants provided for major upgrades to the research acilities (see *In the Classroom*, page 6).

These improvements in the sciences are but one example of the strides the Mount has made in implementing its technology infrastructure. Virtually every location on the two campuses is now networked internally and to the Internet. Electronic mail is a fact of campus life and research and communication with the global community are expanding the horizons of Mount students and faculty.

Recognizing that in today's world, few if any students and their families can meet all of the financial obligations of a college education alone, the Campaign raised nearly $8.5 million for additional financial aid resources. The augmentation of existing scholarship funds and the

Campaign Results

As of December 31, 1999

AREAS	TOTAL GOAL	TOTAL ACHIEVED
Facilities	$22,100,000	$19,057,590
Student Financial Aid	9,500,000	8,479,166
Academic/Student Support	4,200,000	8,032,728
Annual Support	4,200,000	4,879,105
	$40,000,000	$40,448,589

creation of many new ones during the campaign help ensure that Mount students have the resources to meet the financial demands of attending college.

New resources for academic program renewal represented one of the more successful components of the fundraising drive, where more than $8 million was raised, nearly double the targeted amount. Among the landmarks of this effort was the establishment of the first endowed chair at the Mount, with the appointment in the fall of 1998 of Assistant Professor Marcos McPeek Villatoro as the first Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair in Creative Writing.

Additional support has enhanced faculty research and curriculum development, as exemplified by many programs on the two campuses. Established in 1998, the Center for Cultural Fluency provides a rich resource for educators seeking ways to improve their abilities to teach in an increasingly diverse school setting. The Center for Urban Partnership (CUP) was created to formalize relationships with community organizations and provide students with opportunities to integrate their classroom learning with real-world applications.

The CUP also supports the Urban Internship Program, which places students in organizations where they can work and learn, such as shelters and agencies serving at-risk youth. Also part of the new Center is the Service Learning Program, which includes service work assisting homeless persons and tutoring in inner city elementary schools. Funding for the Student Ambassadors Program, which sends trained MSMC students into inner city schools and housing developments to serve as role models and counselors, has further enhanced community outreach.

Throughout the Campaign, alumnae giving played an essential part in meeting its goals. Giving by alumnae reached an all-time high of 29 percent last year, and annual giving for the Campaign was more than $4.8 million. Support for annual fund giving also came from the Mount Associates, a group of friends of the College who give at least $1500 to the annual fund, or a lifetime gift of $15,000. Students also played an integral part in the annual fund by connecting with over 8,000 alumnae through the twice-a-year Phonathons.

Although the Campaign has ended, the College's reliance on unrestricted giving has not. An ever-growing annual fund will ensure the Mount can continue to offer necessary additions to academic programs, reach out to those most in need of assistance, and maintain the beauty and character of the two historic campuses. A further goal will be the growth of the endowment, which will permit the College to continue its fundamental mission of encouraging successive generations of students to actualize their talents and help create a better world in which to work and live.

A complete summary of the Campaign's achievements, including a list of major donors, will be available soon. To receive a copy, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (213) 477-2766.

Alumnae News

Class Notes

'42

Yvonne Wightman Whitley and her husband celebrated their 57th anniversary last July, surrounded by their four children and 10 grandchildren.

'43

Mary Emerson Limebrook is retired and "loving life." She is proud of her daughter, Mary Limebrook Burnham '70, and her niece, Noreen Emerson Frieling '67, a Mount-educated teacher and nurse, respectively.

'44

Mary Patricia Hansen Brush and her husband recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Marguerita Geier has completed her second book, *San Buenaventura, Serra's Last Mission.*

'46

Helen Reimann Wood and her husband received the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology 1999 Alemany Award for Christian Service.

'47

Retired from teaching at juvenile hall, **Corinne Falvey Mullane** has worked for the San Francisco Giants baseball team as a "ball girl" — giving out foul balls to children in the stands.

Patricia Borchard Watson and her husband — accompanied by two 11-year-old grandchildren — drove from Corona del Mar, Calif., to Green Bay, Wis., to visit **Helen Connelly O'Callaghan** '46.

'48

A retired teacher, **Mary Jane McGrath Craycroft** is enjoying her nine children, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Marie Carol Aguiar Lemke is still busy managing her ranch/rental business while recovering from hip surgery and a knee replacement. Her spare time is spent enjoying her nine grandchildren and singing in the choir at St. Catherine Church in Hawaii.

In December 1999, **Geraldine Cassutt Monahan** and her husband commemorated their 50th anniversary with a Mass at San Juan Capistrano Mission celebrated by Bishop Norman McFarland.

Pat Becker O'Brien and **Pearl Butier Henzgen** would love to see more of their classmates at the Founder's Day luncheon and Mass.

Always busy with her 17 grandchildren, **Patricia Smith Weseloh** is also active in the church guild at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Oceanside, Calif.

'49

Due to the extension of services of the Bereavement Ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Santa Ana, **Madeline Pettrow Byrd** became the first layperson to conduct a funeral vigil.

'50

Genevieve de Grood Gorciak is president of the board of directors of the Torrance-Lomita Meals on Wheels program, which served nearly 36,000 meals to the housebound in 1998.

In 1999, **Joella Hardeman Gipson** spent nine months working at the Research Institute in Romania, in addition to participating in a conference on salt and visiting two salt mines in the area. She continues to work at Wayne State University, but is planning to retire in 2000.

'51

Rosemary Schuler Dvorak has moved to Weatherford, Texas, to live in a century-old farm house near her daughter and twin granddaughters.

Susan Robertson Gerard is enjoying her retirement from the LAUSD by visiting family in Maryland and Missouri, as well as lunching and playing bridge with other MSMC classmates.

Retired from teaching since 1993, **Frances Formaneck Gagliardi** visited Nova Scotia for the second time and is planning a second pilgrimage to Israel.

Eloise Martinez Helwig traveled to Nepal on a three-week medical mission with a team of doctors from Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

Joyce Gisler Kelly and her husband celebrated their 49th anniversary in Europe and hosted their nine grandchildren for an annual get-together last summer.

Lupe Duran Mount and her husband look forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary with their 10 children, 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They also enjoy playing with the San Diego Mandolin Orchestra.

Genevieve Weeger Smurda and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary in February 1999.

Rose Marie Bachand Thomas enjoys traveling in her motor home and taking organ lessons.

'52

Barbara Hartman Caraccio enjoys volunteering for THINK (Teaching, Helping, Inspiring Kids) — an after-school tutoring program for elementary school children.

Still working as an RN, **Marie Astier Devine** recently earned her parish nurse certificate. She enjoys spending time with her 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and took an Alaskan cruise last August.

Juanita Cusack Quinn enjoyed a recent trip to Paris and Lyon.

'53

Retired after 27 years in public television in Wisconsin, **Charlotte Rohe Bell** is enjoying her eight grandchildren and hoping to travel to Germany and Ireland with two of her sisters this spring.

A school librarian, **Jean Walsh Frick** is also writing and editing books, as well as enjoying her four children and two grandchildren.

Patricia Pierce is co-president of the Covina branch of the American Association of University Women. She serves as a volunteer for the Intercommunity Medical Center in Covina.

'54

Now retired, **John Ellis** was a former teacher, director, and music professor at Marymount College and Marymount High School. He was also director and founder of the Burbank Civic Light Opera and past conductor of the Burbank Symphony.

'55

CLASS REUNION

'56

In 1999, **Sally Heenan Bernard** celebrated the birth of her tenth grandchild and traveled to Bombay for a cruise through the Andaman Sea to Singapore. In April 2000, she will visit Namibia, Africa, for two weeks.

On sabbatical from Catholic University, **Lucy Cohen** has a grant from the Cultural Institute of Macau for research in Macau and Hong Kong.

Mary Frances Dolan-Lonergan retired in September 1999 as vice president-compliance officer at United Commercial Bank.

Joan Schneider French and her husband won a CSJ raffle for a trip to Maui, and are planning to take the trip this spring.

Valerie Munton Krummer and her husband enjoying being "on the move" — traveling in their RV to Nova Scotia, the East Coast, and Alaska via the Alcan Highway.

Last July, **Margaret Nester Walters** and her husband toured the Baltic countries; in January 2000, they visited New Zealand and Australia.

'57

Retired after 25 years in the Cerritos USD, **Jean Schnieders Brunelli** is enjoying spending time with her friends and family, as well as traveling the world.

JoAnn Smith Cunningham is enjoying retirement, her four grandsons, and working on her golf game.

Anne Terrin Dauvelliers and her husband spent three months in France last summer visiting relatives.

Soon to be retiring as a programmer/analyst for the State of California, **Maria Silva Erickson** plans to travel to Europe.

Now retired, **Nora Martin Hepp** enjoys traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

Patricia Redmond Ziglinski has moved to a 20-acre farm in Hulbert, Okla., and is excited about starting a "new life" in the new millennium. Also, she hopes to be a lay associate at a traditional Benedictine monastery that recently moved to her town from France.

'58

Rachel Fitzgerald recently published a scholarly article in the Journal of Psychological Type.

Surgery to replace a worn out heart valve has given **Theresa Mangold** a "new lease on life."

Carol Crawford Weidenkopf is "retired and lovin' it!"

Enjoying the December 7, 1999 Golden Grad and Heritage Society luncheon are (seated left to right) Ruth Le Sage Reilly, Ed Reilly, Mary Elizabeth '39 and Carl Schuck, (standing left to right) Kathy Aikenhead, Director of Major and Planned Gifts Marita Sheeran, and Provost/President-elect Jackie Doud.

'59

Marilyn Ball Carvin is a tutor volunteer for World Literacy Crusade in Compton/Lynwood.

Pierangela Figini Castaneda and her husband are enjoying their grandson.

Enjoying retirement, **Evangeline C. De Baca Madrid** and her husband recently traveled to Spain, Portugal and Morocco. She especially enjoyed visiting Fatima and Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, where St. James the Apostle is buried.

Having been nominated by one of her former students, **Deanna Maraccini McCauley** was recently selected as an outstanding high school teacher in the UCSD Teacher Recognition Program.

Chere Major Stark organized an alumnae gathering for Reno, Lake Tahoe and Carson City alums. In addition to Chere, those attending were: **Ishbel McIntosh Murray** '40, **Jeanette Squatrito Danna** '62, **Donna Benoit Faker** '68, **Ann Lentz Rasmussen** '59, **Anneliese Mutz Ediss** '82 and **Audrey Creighton Cournia** '61.

Dorothy Schaefer Steege, still teaching third grade in Garden Grove, Calif., enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren.

Jeanette Valentino Villalobos, who works in financial management/computers, is looking forward to celebrating her 40th wedding anniversary this year.

'60

CLASS REUNION

Sue Ekberg Laszloffy and her husband will celebrate 40 years of marriage by going on a cruise.

'61

Betsy Fleming Donovan, a long-time church musician, had the pleasure of accompanying another Mount grad, **Francesco Alleruzzo** '87, at the opening of a new church, St. Joan of Arc, in Phoenix, Ariz.

MaryGail Kinzer Hutchins is still consulting, teaching at two local universities and working with the county hazardous materials team — and enjoying it all.

Recently retired and now working part-time at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, **Margaret Murphy** is also studying the effects of aging on people with disabilities and spinal cord injury.

Mary Collins Pizzorno and her husband became acquainted with another Mount alum, **Wendy Campos Matthews** '86, when they joined Teams of Our Lady through their church in Abilene, Texas.

Annette Shamey is in the last year of her second four-year term as a trustee for the Santa Monica Community College District. She also serves on the board of directors of St. John's Seminary College.

Retired after 33 years as a school nurse with the LAUSD, **Mary Weber Succuro** has moved to Lake Arrowhead, Calif., and has again taken up her hobby of ice skating.

'62

Lil Porter Chalkley works part-time for the Regional Park Authority in Fairfax, Va., and spends her weekends sailing on the Chesapeake Bay with her husband.

Madelyn Flaherty will retire this year from the LAUSD as an elementary school teacher.

'63

Catharine Romano Gerster and her husband have visited Arizona and San Diego and are planning to take an Alaskan cruise in July.

Having been employed by the Department of Defense for the past 28 years, **Carol Kroll Babbitt** is currently an industrial hygienist at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. Her hobbies include running and playing the piano.

Patricia Orselli Zenone is enjoying her five grandchildren.

'64

Busy traveling between their homes in New York and Florida, **Michelle Pierrong Klepper** and her husband still find time to spend with their children and grandchildren, as well as vacation in such spots as New Orleans, Cozumel, Grand Cayman, and Lake Tahoe.

'65

CLASS REUNION

Sherianne Chapman Bir is enjoying her work in private practice as a marriage and family therapist.

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Susan Smernoff Abler is assistant director of student services at the Graduate School of Education and Information Services at UCLA.

Betsy Dickerson Azariah, who recently returned from a trip to London, is on the board of the House of Ruth (a battered women's shelter) and is regional director for a child abuse hotline.

Kitty Carton spent 10 days exploring the west of Ireland in September 1999 and three days scuba diving in Cabo San Lucas in April 1999; both trips were "spiritual adventures!"

Sandra Pawlowski Comouche is enjoying semi-retirement by traveling to Eastern Europe, Italy, Sedona, and Palm Springs, and spending time with her granddaughter.

Kathy Cole Smith is teaching for LAUSD.

Anne Splingaerd Megowan is researching the life of her great-grandfather, who went to China in 1865 with the founders of the Belgian Missionary Society.

'67

Joan McMahon Champion and her husband are enjoying their two grandchildren.

Eileen Brick Gibbs recently returned from a visit to Tokyo, where her youngest son and his new bride live and work.

Agostina Domenico Mayclin is working at the Hacienda La Puente USD adult school, developing curriculum for vocational instructors, as well as teaching Adult Basic Skills and job prep classes.

Susan Cain Tellem moved both of her companies (MTA Films Entertainment and Tellem Worldwide) to Malibu, Calif., and "couldn't be happier." In addition, she is planning a launch of two Internet companies.

'68

Macrina Garcia is busy building a new business, Medical Resource Network, a travel nurse enterprise with nurses working in healthcare facilities across the United States.

Mary MacDonald Koenig still enjoys teaching English part time at Houston Community College and spending time with her three grandchildren. She also writes theater reviews for a Houston-area newspaper and is active in volunteer work.

Retired from Southern California Edison since 1996, **Carol Fabulich Larson** has been traveling — most recently to Marrakech and Spain.

Marie Van Blaricom Maitrepierre is still teaching French privately and volunteering at a food pantry.

'69

Jean Briggs Peterson is a resource specialist at a LAUSD high school and is enjoying her "empty nest."

Adele Zarate Skibba is active at Holy Angels Church as a lector, Eucharistic minister and with CCD. She and her husband recently traveled to Africa and Egypt.

Ruth Meyer Smith and her husband enjoyed watching their two sons graduate from college last spring.

'70

CLASS REUNION

Bernadette Terril Aliprantis was one of the 12,000 people in Georgia for the protest to close the School of the Americas. She accompanied her son, who organized the trip from his high school.

Carol Busby Strother attended the International School Nurses Conference in Wales last July, followed by travel to Ireland, Scotland, and England. Last September, she accepted a position as health services supervisor for the Baldwin Park Unified School District, and she has returned to the University of LaVerne to complete her administrative credential.

In July 1999, **Susan Von Tobel** went to China for two weeks to adopt a 20-month-old girl named Mia Elizabeth.

A staff nurse at Valley Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, Ariz., **Barbara Rice Waterkotte** is enjoying her work with oncology patients.

'71

Ramona Vance Haywood vacationed in Hawaii with her husband and three children prior to starting chemotherapy, to which she is responding well.

Carol Pindar Roth is doing healthcare research at RAND and trying to "get a life" now that her children are grown.

'73

Now that all three of their girls are in college, **Patricia Keating Spinak** and her husband have cruised through the Panama Canal and to Alaska. They are enjoying retirement but feel "busier than ever."

'74

After 10 years of teaching in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, **Marcia Culbertson Bergeron** has starting teaching special education at a middle school in Simi Valley, Calif.

Continuing her work in public mental health, **Kristine Kosak** enjoys spending her free time with her quarter horse and traveling. She and her husband visited Bangkok and Beijing during the past year.

Mary Ann Medon Lucia is enjoying her work as head nurse of the labor/delivery and the family-centered maternity care unit at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, VA.

Wendy Jones Murphy is working at West LA Veterans Administration Hospital as a site nurse coordinator for a comparative surgical technique study.

Patricia Weisser Reno has worked for more than 25 years at Northridge Hospital Medical Center, where she is currently in pediatrics. She is proud that her daughter Anita is a freshman at the Mount.

'75

CLASS REUNION

Carol Neel is living in Reno, Nev., on a sabbatical from the nursing profession.

'76

Paula Vukmanic Bacinski was honored at her high school alma mater, Bishop Montgomery in Torrance, Calif., as the 1999 Alum of the Year.

William Hamilton is the information editor for an Internet start-up in San Francisco that helps college-bound high school students find, learn about, and pay for college.

A school nurse in LAUSD for more than 22 years, **Joanne Monteith** also enjoys spending time with her two daughters and four grandchildren.

Kathleen McCoy Seymour is clinical manager of the Trauma ICU at Sutter Roseville Medical Center.

'77

Edna Dodson Dixon is chairperson of the Menifee Valley Healthier Communities Medical Services Committee in Sun City, Calif.

Arlene Dominguez Genzel is working at Paragon Biomedical with **Liza Pighin Wallace** '77 and **Maureen McCoy Barich** '76.

Shayne Skinner Golden has been a school nurse almost three years and is enjoying this field of nursing. She keeps in touch with fellow alums **Joyce Lekawa Hall** '77, **Mary Kay Barrett Okimoto** '77, and **Lee Ann Elliott Navarro** '77.

Ora Skipper and her husband recently traveled to New Zealand and Australia.

'78

Margaret Roslansky McKean is working as an RN for Lake Tahoe USD and staying busy as fund-raising chair for Heavenly Ski Foundation and her son's soccer team.

'79

Diana Cabral-Higginbotham is an education specialist for the Turlock Irrigation District and is very involved in outreach programs and teacher training.

Jeanne Schaffer is a nurse practitioner/occupational health and case manager for Arco Marine in Long Beach, Calif.

April Hazard Vallerand is an assistant professor at Wayne State University College of Nursing.

'80

CLASS REUNION

Joyce Harrison Alley visited England and Wales in June 1999.

Catalina Cariaga's first book of poetry, *Cultural Evidence*, received an excellent review in Publisher's Weekly. Also, she was invited by the French Ministry of Culture for a series of bilingual readings in Paris, Marseilles, and the Royamount Abbey, where her poetry was translated into a French edition.

Joyce Centofanti is teaching ceramics, sculpture, and foundry classes at New Mexico Highlands University for the spring 2000 term.

A clinical instructor in the Modesto Junior College ADN program, **Lorraine Arellano Edsall** recently took a seven-day Mexican cruise with the entire Edsall family.

'82

Kathleen Buckley is a parish nurse for St. Francis Medical Center in Santa Barbara.

In addition to owning her own company as a certified plastic and reconstructive surgical nurse, **Carol LaFourcade Hightower** enjoys spending time with her five grandchildren.

Now living in Seattle, Wash., **Denise Ingerson Larzalere** recently spent a mini-vacation in New Orleans with **Pam Parsons Brannon** '82.

Sherry Cline Wilson, clinical education coordinator at Downey Regional Medical Center, enjoys spending time with her Yorkshire terrier.

Alumnae Association Q and A

Q. When will the new Alumnae Directory be available?

A. Due to the Mount's conversion to a new database, the directory is now expected to be ready in early summer.

Q. How can I order a directory?

A. If you did not already place an order when you returned your survey form, you can send a check for $12.50 by May 10 to the Alumnae Relations Office, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

'83

Cheryl Johnson Bender and her husband are enjoying their two year-old daughter, while awaiting publication of Cheryl's book, *Our Miracle Baby: Memories and Milestones in the Intensive Care Nursery*, which is due out this spring.

Karen Schwartzburg Schindler was recently promoted to vice president of rehabilitation and consulting and management services for Country Villa Health Services.

'85

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Christina Jurado is proud of her sister, **Marcela Jurado** '99, who graduated from the Mount nursing program last May.

'86

Rose Mary Garrone is working as a maternal child case manager at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center in San Luis Obispo.

Wendy Campos Matthews became American Board Certified in pediatric physical therapy in 1999.

In June 1999, **Elaine Walsh** completed her Ph.D. in nursing and is now a research scientist for the University of Washington School of Nursing.

'87

Stacey Marchus Hickman is enjoying her work in home health physical therapy in Montgomery, Ala., and surrounding counties.

Rosie Medrano Prouty enjoys volunteering with LA Works.

'88

After ten years teaching special education, **Anne Kristin Bishop** switched to teaching fourth grade last September and is "enjoying every minute."

'90

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Susan Bohn Karr has worked for the Santa Barbara Visiting Nurse Association since 1993.

Carrie Nowland enjoys working as a special education teacher at Dayton Heights Elementary School alongside fellow alum, **Bernadette Barrett** '88.

After graduating from MSMC, **Maria Luce Ronconi** earned a master's degree in religious studies from The Institute for Religious Studies. She is now a religion teacher and chair of the religion department at Preston High School in the Bronx, N.Y.

Barbara Zajac completed her Ph.D. in sociology at the University of California, Riverside, and is now teaching there.

'91

Michelle Huddleston is still teaching fifth grade in Palo Alto, Calif., and enjoying it.

'92

Having earned an MSW from the USC School of Social Work, **Toni Nadeau** is now working at Wise Senior Services as a case manager for older adults.

'93

Esmerelda Garcia has relocated to San Jose and is working toward a teaching credential and a substance abuse counseling certificate.

Judi Hemenway Watts is enjoying her career as a pediatric physical therapist at Therapy West in Culver City, Calif.

'94

Cari Messer Cassady enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to her one-year-old daughter.

Dana Bergman Confair recently published a young-adult fiction book, *Learning to Love*, while being a full-time mom.

Deidre George-Mullins has been working in the Domestic Violence Project at the YWCA for five years, doing individual, group, and family counseling.

'95

Jennifer McCormick Bartlett successfully completed the CPA exam and is working to become licensed.

Ngu-Mui Lu is attending graduate school at UCLA and will complete her master's degree in social work in 2001.

Hilda Orozco enjoys teaching first grade.

'96

Currently a substitute teacher in the Conejo Valley School District, **Christine Krebsbach Johncola** is also studying to become a lector trainer for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Maria-Theresa Gosom Lapinid and her husband enjoy spending time with their son. Maria also finds personal fulfillment in her job at Childrens Hospital of L.A., working with children who have blood disorders and cancer.

'97

Rosa Flores has been teaching fifth grade at Corona Avenue Elementary School in Bell, Calif., for the past two years.

Uyen Tran is teaching third grade for LAUSD.

Stephanie Ybarra Higgins received a masters degree in education from Azusa Pacific University last May and is now working with the L.A. Community Department of Development Welfare to Work Program, in addition to her position in UCLA's Athletic Department as an academic coordinator.

'98

In March 2000, **Maria Chadburn** presented at an accounts payable conference on the topic of "How to Increase A/P Visibility and Improve Your Corporate Image."

'99

Olga Hernandez is employed by the EDD as an employment representative of the State. She plans to return to graduate school in 2000.

Two by Two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alumnae and their spouses:

'90 Susan Bohn to Randall W. Karr
'95 Vanessa Lopez to Rick Burgos
'97 Tiffany Lawrence to Dan O'Leary
'97 Tasha Owens to Che Houston

By-Lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to these alumnae and their spouses on the births of their children:

'81 Amelia Grace to Kathleen Ziglinski Shechet, 6th child, 2nd daughter
'82 Julia Victoria to Theresa Diener-Cote, 3rd child, 3rd daughter
'82 Alexander Mark to Anne Hagstrom Roberts, 2nd child, 1st son
'83 Jasmine Nicole to Donna Booker-Dennis
'84 Marjorie Anne to Maureen Cabeen Burns
'88 Steven Carl to Janice Johansen, 1st child
'89 Hayden Scott to Laurel Metzner Dalrymple
'94 Allison Jane to Mary Strauch Lang
'95 Nicholas Jarett to Yvette Federizo-Jimenez, 2nd child, 2nd son
'95 Jordan Nicole to Leandrita Flores-Ortega, 1st child

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'38 Kathleen McGrath Kappner
'40 Ozma Baum Mantele
'45 Rosemary Mankiewicz Czaban
'58 brother of Fae Falvo
'58 mother of Mary Pat McClurg Paddock
'59 Pat Jennings Cave
'59 mother of Sr. Kathleen Kelly, CSJ
'59 brother of Kathleen Halloran Koziolek
'61 mother of Arline Martin Currie
'61 father of Margaret Cole Padilla
'63 mother of Leanne Peters and Sr. Judith Peters, CSJ '66
'65 father of Mary Ann Stocker Shaw
'67 Joanne Fiedler Henson
'67 husband of Eleanor Tschiderer Lysecky
'67 Mary Pendergest Monville
'68 son of Irene Camuti Bernard, nephew of Elaine Camuti '69, grand-nephew of Elizabeth Peukert '48 and Sr. Rose Adrian Peukert, CSJ '54
'68 father of Victoria Russell Kennedy
'69 father of Teresa Keeler and Sue Keeler Beltran '70
'70 Kathleen Maloy Bayley
'72 brother of Mary K. Durando and Susan Durando Bravo '75
'73 mother of Sr. Michelle Clines, OCD
'74 mother of Patricia Weisser Reno
'78 father of Mary Maggio Rudolph
'86 infant son of Sylvia Duffin Taleb
'89 father Patricia Lomas Rios
'91 Shane Alexson
'98 father of Vivien Gatpandan

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Ⓜ

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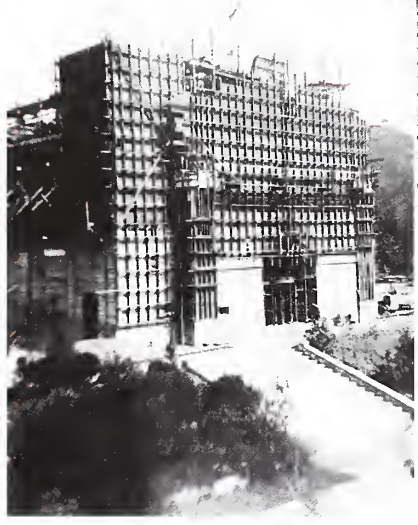
A Look Back

Construction of the chapel of Mount St. Mary's College in 1939.



Mary Chapel today.

A Mass Celebration

As 500 priests, sisters, and students gathered on the Chalon Campus on a May afternoon in 1940, the cornerstone for the new $80,000 chapel of Mount St. Mary's was laid in a dedication ceremony conducted by Archbishop John J. Cantwell.

Into the cornerstone, marked by a marble inset of a cross blessed by the late Pope Pius XI, were placed medals, church documents, and other articles as the Archbishop wielded the trowel.

In the Solemn High Mass that followed, Reverend Edward Whelan, SJ, preached, "In this building, the crowning spot of this college, day by day the devotee shall find communion with the Savior."

With a seating capacity of 500, the Spanish Gothic structure, known today as Mary Chapel, was designed to harmonize with other campus buildings. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this May, the structure, which sits above the Chalon Campus, continues to grace the grounds with its heavenly beauty. Ⓜ

SAVE THE DATE

May

Saturday, May 13
Revlon Run/Walk
7:30 a.m.
Join the Mount team and participate in this 5K run/walk for cancer research. Contact Alumnae Relations for information, (213) 477-2767.

Monday, May 15
Commencement
Shrine Auditorium
7 p.m.

Thursdays, May 18–July 27
Thursday Evening Lecture Series
Donohue Center, Doheny
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
For more information on these lectures, contact Religious Studies, (213) 477-2640.

Sunday, May 21
A Tribute to
Sister Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ
Doheny Campus
5:30 p.m.
The Mount community says farewell to its tenth president at a gala dinner in her honor. All proceeds will support the Sister Karen M. Kennelly Scholarship Fund.
Contact (213) 477-2764.

June

Saturday, June 10
"Secret World of the Forbidden City"
10 a.m.
Bowers Museum, Santa Ana
See over 350 artworks from the Chinese Imperial Palace.
Contact Alumnae Relations, (213) 477-2767.

Friday–Sunday, June 23–25
Alumnae Spa Weekend
Chalon Campus
Check into Carondelet Hall for a complete weekend of classes, lessons, tour of the Getty Center, and use of equipment and facilities in the Chalon Fitness Center. For a registration packet, contact the Fitness Center, (310) 954-4345.

July

Saturday, July 15
"The Four Noble Truths for Christians"
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Doheny Campus
James Finely will introduce and explore each noble truth, noting its affinity with biblical texts, and the teachings of Meister Eckhart. For more details, call the Program in the Spiritual Life, (213) 477-2645.

Saturdays, July 15–August 5
Working Wardrobes
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Casa de Rosas
Adams & Hoover (near Doheny Campus)
Donate your ready-to-wear career clothes for Working Wardrobes, a service project to be held Aug. 13. Volunteers needed to help sort on Saturdays. For more information, contact Alumnae Relations, (213) 477-2767.